



Notice
October 27, 2011

Dennis M. Walcott
Chancellor

The Proposed Grade Expansion of P.S. 5 Port Morris to a K-8 School in 2012-2013

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

P.S. 5 Port Morris (07X005, “P.S. 5”) is an existing zoned elementary school in Community School District 7 (“District 7”). P.S. 5 currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade and offers a full-day pre-kindergarten program. P.S. 5 is the only school located in building X005 (“X005”) at 564 Jackson Avenue, Bronx, New York 10455.

The Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to expand P.S. 5 to serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade by the 2014-2015 school year. If this proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), P.S. 5 will begin to serve students in kindergarten through sixth grade in September 2012. P.S. 5 will add one grade level each year over a three-year period until it reaches its full grade span of kindergarten through eighth grade in the 2014-2015 school year.

The proposal to expand P.S. 5 was originally initiated by the school community. In July 2011, with support from parents and the broader school community, a team composed of teachers and administrators submitted a grade reconfiguration application to the Division of Portfolio Planning. In September 2011, DOE officials visited P.S. 5 and conducted interviews with the applicant team, concluding that the school is well positioned to successfully begin a grade expansion.

The DOE believes that the grade expansion of P.S. 5 will increase access to high-quality middle school seats in District 7. Such an expansion will build upon the growing success of P.S. 5, which has demonstrated a strong record of improving student performance in District 7.

If this proposal is approved, fifth grade students will apply to attend middle school at P.S. 5 through the Middle School Choice Process. Students enrolled at P.S. 5 will have admissions priority if they wish to remain for sixth grade. Other eligible fifth graders in District 7 will have the opportunity to apply to attend middle school at P.S. 5 should additional seats remain available.

The DOE does not anticipate that the proposed grade expansion of P.S. 5 will affect its pre-kindergarten program. P.S. 5 will continue to offer a pre-kindergarten program, subject to

continued funding and demand. In addition, P.S. 5 will continue to serve elementary school students residing in its zone.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing this proposal can be found on the DOE website at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Dec2011Proposals.htm>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main office of P.S. 5.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D07Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at (212) 374-5159.

IV. The name, office, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item.

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V. Date, time, and place of Joint Public Hearing for this proposal.

December 5, 2011
6:00 p.m.
P.S. 5 Port Morris
564 Jackson Avenue
Bronx, New York 10455

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated above in Section IV. Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after the start.

VI. Date, time, and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

December 14, 2011
6:00 p.m.
The High School of Fashion Industries
225 West 24th Street
New York, NY 10011